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Applicant : Paul Dvorkis
Serial No. : 09/918,358
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Title : TWO-DIMENSIONAL OPTICAL CODE SCANNER WITH SCANNING
PATTERN HAVING REGION OF GREATER APPARENT BRIGHTNESS FOR
ASSISTING ALIGNMENT OF SCANNING PATTERN

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REPLY TO ACTION OF MARCH 21, 2003

In reply to the Office Action of March 21, 2003, Applicant submits the following remarks.

Applicant does not concede that the examiner is correct as to the effective filing date of this application.

Claim 1 is the only independent claim pending in the application.

The examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakazawa in view of Batterman. The examiner is urged to reconsider and withdraw the rejection. (The examiner's allowance of dependent claims 3-22 is acknowledged, but applicants believe that claim 1 is also allowable.)

Claim 1 requires that a two-dimensional, raster-scanned light beam for scanning a two-dimensional optical code also produce a region of apparent greater brightness for assisting in alignment of the two-dimensional scanning pattern with the two-dimensional pattern of the

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